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D) AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

NONE

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REMARKS

This is a Response to the Final Office Action dated January 5, 2006. Upon entry of this Response, 44-46 will be pending in this Application. Claims 11-34, and 42-43 are pending. Claims 11-25, 28-34, and 42-43 are rejected, and claims 26, 27 and 32 are objected to. In response, claims 11-25, 28-34, and 42-43 are cancelled, without prejudice; new claims 44-46 are added; and the following remarks are submitted. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner Claims objected to claims 26-27 and 32 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and rejected claims 11-25, 28-34, and 42-43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takada et al. (US 6278813).

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant has cancelled claims 26, 27 and 32, and replaced them with new claims 44-46, respectively, which are rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. No new matter or changes have been included in these claims. For convenience, Applicant has also attached a mark up in Appendix A that is not submitted as part of the record in this case. As Applicant has complied with the Examiner's requirements for the allowable subject matter, allowance of claims 44-46 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner rejected Claims 11-25, 28-34, and 42-43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takada et al. (US 6278813). In response, Applicant has cancelled 11-25, 28-34, and 42-43 without prejudice, which renders this rejection moot.

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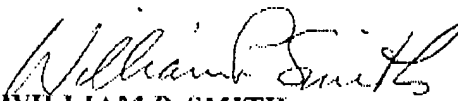
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and requests such allowance the remaining claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney. This Response is timely filed in response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006. Applicant believes that no fees are due. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

Respectfully submitted,

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